

Forcing Fear to Flee

2 Timothy 1:7

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In these last days, the world is getting darker. As the Church grows weaker, evil grows stronger and is no longer hiding in the shadows, it is openly active. We are not immune to its effects. Our flesh, the world, and the devil do not want us to be effective for God; they'll use any means necessary to keep us sidelined and shut down. We must remember that fear is one of the methods used to keep us out of the fight in this spiritual battle we are in.

The spirit of fear

- Fear – to be in apprehension of evil; to be afraid; to feel anxiety on account of some expected evil.
- The spirit of fear in your _____ life – 2 Cor. 11:23-29; 1 Sam. 17:4-11, 41-44; Ex. 14:8-12; Num. 13:30-33; Lk. 8:27
 - Wars & rumors of war, health issues, financial issues, family, crime, drugs & alcohol, physical abuse (physical “giants”)
- The spirit of fear in your _____ life – 2 Cor. 1:8; 1 Kings 19:1-4; 1 Pet. 5:8; Mk. 5:5
 - Anxiety, depression, mental health issues, false religion(s), no assurance of salvation, sin and separation from God, carnality, quenching/grieving the Holy Spirit, any sort of spiritual warfare (spiritual “giants”)

Power

- The power of the _____ – Acts 9, 16:25-34; Rom. 16:25; 1 Thess. 1:5; 2 Tim. 1:10; Mk. 5:6
 - For you - born again – Jn. 3:3; spiritually circumcised - Col. 2:11; redeemed - Gal. 3:13; justified - Rom. 8:30, sanctified - Rom. 15:16, and glorified - Rom. 8:17; Lk. 8:33, 36
 - For others – Acts 26:18, 17:6; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; Lk. 8:39
- The power of God _____ you – Jn. 14:16, 26; 1 Cor. 3:16; Eph. 4:6; Col. 1:27; Rom. 8:7-11, 14
 - Fruitfulness – Gal. 5:22-23; Jn. 15:4-8; Col. 1:10; Lk. 8:39-40
- The power to choose not to sin – Dan. 1:8; Josh. 24:15; Rom. 8:13-14; 13:14; Gal. 5:16

Love

- Love that changes a stony heart into a fleshy heart – Ez. 11:19; 36:26; Ps. 51:10; Mk. 5:19
 - To other believers – 2 Cor. 1:4; Rom. 12:15; 1 Jn. 3:11, 17-18, 4:11, 21
 - To the world – Jn. 3:16; 1 Cor. 9:19-23; 2 Cor. 5:18-20
- _____ – 1 Cor. 13:4-8, 13, 16:14; 1 Tim. 1:5; 1 Pet. 4:8; Mk. 5:19
- The love of holiness & righteousness – Ps. 29:2, 96:9; 2 Cor. 7:1; Eph. 4:24; Phi. 3:9; 2 Pet. 3:13

Sound mind

- A sound mind is a transformed mind – Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:22-24; Is. 59:17; Eph. 6:17; Lk. 8:35
- A sound mind has the mind of _____ – 1 Cor. 2:16; Phi. 2:5; Is. 26:3; Mk. 5:19-20
- A sound mind unifies into one mind in the body of Christ – Rom. 15:5-6; 1 Cor. 1:10; Ps. 133:1; Eph. 4:3, 13; Lk. 8:40

There will always be giants and roaring lions in our life. Sometimes they are subtle and sneaky, sometimes they are loud and right in our face. The question is, what are you going to do with them? Are you going to allow them to control your life and cause you to wander about in the wilderness? Or are you going to recognize them for who/what they are and remember where your true source of strength comes from. Will you choose to walk in the flesh and live a life of fear and regret, or walk in the Spirit and live a life of purpose and victory?